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SUBJECT:

REFERENCE: TEHERAN 0834

1. PM/MC REPRESENTATIVES MET MORNING JANUARY 25 WITH WARREN ROCKWELL, WASHINGTON REP OF BELL-TEXTRON, TO DISCUSS MATTER RAISED REFTEL. ATKINS WILL ARRIVE AND DEPART WASHINGTON AFTERNOON JANUARY 25 AND ROCKWELL WILL MEET HIM AND REQUEST THAT HE PROVIDE LETTER TO PM/MC OUTLINING (1) SUBSTANCE HIS CONVERSATION WITH SHAH AS REGARDS COBRA IMPROVEMENT/REPLACEMENT, (2) SUBSTANCE ANY EARLIER DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS, (3) NEXT STEPS BELL HAS IN MIND, SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO MC LICENSING (ADVISORY OPINIONS, ETC), (4) WHETHER BELL INTENDS "PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT" IN IRAN OR AT FORTH WORTH OR PROVISION OF REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT.

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2. ANTICIPATE ATKINS WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENT AT EARLY DATE TO PERSONALLY DELIVER AND DISCUSS REQUESTED RESPONSE FOLLOWING WHICH WE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 8 REFTEL. IN INTERIM, NOTE THAT BELL EARLIER GAVE PM/MC WRITTEN NOTICE THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI ON MODIFICATION OF 110 AH-1J HELI-

COPTERS TO TOW CONFIGURATION HAD BEGUN PRIOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1977. ROCKWELL STATED THIS NOTIFICATION WAS LACKING IN SPECIFICS AND SHOULD HAVE INCLUDED REFERENCE TO MODIFICATIONS DESIGNED TO GIVE IMPROVED PERFORMANCE. ROCKWELL INFORMED BY PM/MC THAT ADVISORY OPINION REQUIRED IF BELL ENVISAGES SALE OF AH-1T, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDER FMS. ALSO WE NOT PREPARED OFFER ANY JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A MODIFIED AH01T WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXPORT UNDER PRESIDENTIAL POLICY UNTIL EXTENT OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS KNOWN AND JUDGED. VANCE

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